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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING LETTER ENVELOPES FROM A
MOVING WEB OF MATERIAL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ATTN: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto. These references were cited in the German priority application. European Patent No. EP 0 347 799 A1 shows how to cut and fold an endless web of paperboard into envelopes. German Patent No. DE 39 37 069 C2 shows how to produce envelopes from a plastic foil. As such foils might change their length under stress, there are checkmarks on the foil to determine the lengthening and to compute the necessary speed of the web relative to the knife to cut the web at the proper location. German Patent No. DE 43 39 171 A1 shows how to cut a web of corrugated paperboard into blanks of a certain length. The length of the blanks is measured. In the case of deviation from a preset value, the cutting tools will be corrected in small steps in such direction, that the error will not go beyond a

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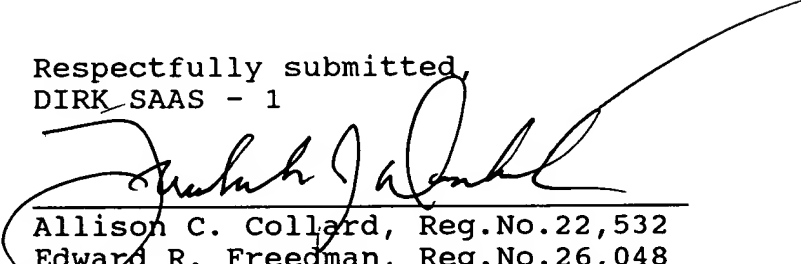
given value. U.S. Patent No. 5,795,280 shows how to cut a web through periodically spaced reference markers thereon. A controller senses the passage of a marker at a predetermined position and at the same time the position of the cutting roller. By comparing these inputs, the controller determines whether or not the web is being cut at the proper location. If not, the speed of the feed rollers is changed to meet this demand.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to a first Office Action, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account number 03-2468, without further authorization.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing IDS be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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